Mango exports

2705. MISS MABEL REBELLO :

SHRI B.J. PANDA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that mango exports had taken a beating in the international markets on account of fruit flies found in the consignments or for some other reasons; if-so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this issue has since been resolved and has not affected the exports;

(c) whether some authority overseas had certified the consignments before these were air-lifted to foreign lands; and

(d) the foreign markets for fruits with contribution in foreign exchange during the last fiscal year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Mango exports have increased in recent years as the table below shows:-

Year	Value of total exports (Rs. crores)
2000-2001	68.61
2001-2002	80.99
2002-2003 (April to January)	77.07

(Source: DGCI&S)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The total value of exports of fruits to foreign markets during 2002-03 was to the tune of Rs. 432 crores.

Automobile exports

2706. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that automobile exports have gone up by 65 per cent in the year 2002-03;

(b) if so, the amount of foreign exchange earned out of this;

(c) the prospects during the current fiscal year; and

(d) whether any kind of incentives are being given to the exporters to boost the exports; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The number of automobiles exported has gone up from 1,84,680 in the year 2001 -02 to 3,05,368 in the year 2002-03 thereby showing an increase of 65.35 per cent.

(b) The amount of foreign exchange earned on account of automobile exports during the period from April, 2002 to February, 2003 is of the order of Rs. 2113.27 crores.

(c) The prospects during the current fiscal year appear to be positive.

(d) Exports of all products including automobiles are supported by the Government through various schemes which, *inter-alia,* include the Duty Exemption Scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme, Duty Drawback Scheme and Market Development Assistance Scheme.

Bio-products exports

2707. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is poised to lead in bio-products exports; and

(b) if so, the detailed plan for becoming global players in exports with the details of the foreign markets and foreign exchange earned out of the business during the last fiscal year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) It is a fact that the biotechnology industry has tremendous potential for exports.

(b) The Government is providing various incentives such as custom duty exemption on imports for producing biotech products for exports, issue of advance license etc. to boost exports from this sector. Markets for Indian biotech products exist in European Union, North and South